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DEPOSITION OF LARRY CECIL HUFF, a witness produced, sworn, and examined on Tuesday, the 9th of May, in the year of our Lord 1978, between the hours of 8 o'clock in the forenoon and 6 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, in the Federal District Court, 920 West Riverside, in the City of Spokane and State of Washington, before the Select Committee on Assassinations, House of Representatives of the United States of America.

APPEARANCES:

For the Committee:

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CLARENCE DAY, Investigator, Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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LARRY CECIL HUFF

of lawful age, being produced, sworn, and examined on the part of the Committee, deposeth and saith:

MS. BRADY: I have a few introductory remarks and then we'll go into the questions.

First of all, for the record, I would like the record to indicate that I, Surell Brady, have been designated by the Select Committee on Assassinations of the U. S. House of Representatives, pursuant to House Resolution 222 and Committee Rule 4 to depose witnesses for the Committee.

Let the record also reflect that the witness, Larry Huff, H-u-f-f, is appearing voluntarily; that he has been sworn by Federal Judge Marshall Neill, and agrees voluntarily to be deposed.

Mr. Huff has been advised by me that he has the right to have counsel present at the deposition and that Mr. Huff has voluntarily waived the right to the presence of counsel.

Is that correct, Mr. Huff?
THE WITNESS: That is true.

MS. BRADY: Mr. Huff has already stated that he will speak freely and accurately about matters covered by the deposition and that he is under no restriction that would prevent him from answering questions fully and accurately or with any intent to deceive or withhold information.

• 1		Is that correct, Mr. Huff?		
2		THE WITNESS: Correct.		
3		MS. BRADY: I have also advised Mr. Huff that on		
4	completion	on of his deposition, a copy will be furnished to		
5	him free of charge by the Select Committee on Assassinations.			
6		Mr. Huff, have you been provided a copy of our		
7	rules?			
8		THE WITNESS: Yes, I have.		
9		MS. BRADY: Do you have any questions about those		
10	rules?			
11		THE WITNESS: No.		
12		DIRECT EXAMINATION		
13		BY MS. BRADY:		
14	Q.	All right, Mr. Huff, if we could just get back-		
15	ground i	nformation for you. First of all, your full name		
16	and date	of birth.		
17	A.	Larry Cecil Huff.		
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,]	Q	Your date of birth.		
19	Q.	Your date of birth. 3 August '31.		
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	A.	3 August '31.		
20	A. Q.	3 August '31. What is your present home address?		
20 21	A. Q. A.	3 August '31. What is your present home address? Post Office Box 69, Pinehurst, Idaho.		
20 21 22	A. Q. A. Q.	3 August '31. What is your present home address? Post Office Box 69, Pinehurst, Idaho. What is your spouse's full name?		
20 21 22 23	A. Q. A. Q. A.	3 August '31. What is your present home address? Post Office Box 69, Pinehurst, Idaho. What is your spouse's full name? Gloria Deane Huff.		

It shows the month, December; year, 1963; day, the 14th; the model of the aircraft, which is a C-54-T; the serial number of the aircraft, 50855; departing Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, for Wake Island; aboard the plane was chief warrant officer Morgan, the pilot; the duration of the flight to Wake Island was 11.1 hours; and the flight continues on into Tachikawa, Japan; and aboard the same aircraft, the same pilot, and myself as navigator.

This is where we let the CID team depart, debark, our aircraft.

- Q And where was that?
- A Tachikawa Air Force Base, Japan.
- Q Where is Tachikawa in relation to Atsuki, Japan?
- A Just a short distance; it is in the general vicinity.
 - Q So was Tachikawa the closest landing field?
- A Yes, I would say that it was. Right, it seemed closer than Tokyo International.
 - Q Do you remember when you received these orders?
- A I would have received these orders the day prior to departing Kaneohe Bay.
 - Q Was that the normal procedure for your flights?
- A Yes; it is called operational orders signed by the commanding officer to send us on a flight.
 - Q And who was that commanding officer, if you recall?

A. The commanding officer was a Major Rice. I do have a piece of paper with his name on it.

Well, I thought I had a piece of paper which had his name on it. He was a major. He was the commanding officer of it.

Q That's all right.

Were they written orders?

A Oh, yes, they were written. They were typed orders, is that what you mean by written?

Q Yes.

A Yes, typed orders, and he had his signature, to send us on the flight.

Q And that is the way you always received orders?

A Except in emergencies; sometimes we didn't have time to get orders and we just went out, but this particular case we were on orders.

Q Where do the orders from Commander Rice originate, do you know?

A. Where did they originate; they come down from Command, which would be Fleet Marine Corps, Pacific, Camp Smith.

Q And who was the commander of the Fleet at that time?

- A Lieutenant General Carson A. Roberts.
- Q Do you know for a fact that that these orders or-

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iginated with Lieutenant General Roberts or if they were from Washington?

I don't know for a fact but it is my conclusion that they came from Headquarters, Marine Corps. see the actual dispatch from Headquarters, Marine Corps, to Commanding General Fleet Marine Corps, Pacific.

- Now, the CID men you transported for the investigation, had you flown with them before?
 - Not to the best of my knowledge.
- Do you know or do you remember now any of their
 - No, ma'am, I don't.
 - Approximately how many were there?
 - Ten to twelve.
 - But they were investigators from CID?
 - That's right.
- Was this assignment, to transport the CID investigators, a normal part of your duties or was it an unusual
- Usually we transported Commanding General Fleet Marine Corps, Pacific. That was my reason for being at Marine Corps Station, Kaneohe, but there were other times when they would send us out on special missions.
- Who were some of the other members of the crew besides yourself and Commander Morgan?

I read the final report made up by the CID men,

Q.

1	A Approximately 20 pages.		
2	Q Where were you when you read it?		
3	A Aboard the aircraft in flight.		
4	Q Did the report have any classifications or mark-		
5	ings on it?		
6	A. Yes, ma'am; secret, classified secret, and it was		
7	for Marine Corps eyes only.		
8	Q Was it typed on handwritten?		
9	A It was typed, it was a finished product.		
10	Q. And what are your recollections from that record		
11	that you read?		
12	A. My recollection is it was their conclusion that		
13	Lee Harvey Oswald was not capable of performing an assassi-		
14	nation on his own.		
15	Q Do you remember what details the report went into		
16	or how they conducted the investigation?		
17	A This was his psychological make-up, it was their		
18	believe that he was just not the type that		
19	Q (Interrupting) If you recall, did the report con-		
20	tain interviews of people who had known Oswald?		
21	A. Military people and civilian people around the		
22	area, yes, ma'am.		
23	Q Was it unusuál that you would have been able to		
24	read that report on the return flight?		
25	A. No, ma'am.		

flights, never had any debriefings.

Q Were you ever instructed to keep the contents of the reports secret or to keep the fact of the flight secret?

A No. It is just common knowledge to keep it secret.

Q Because of the clearance?

A. Yes.

Q Did you ever hear of another investigation about Lee Harvey Oswald or the assassination by the military?

A Yes; I was talking to Master Gunnery Sergeant George Moffett at El Toro, California, which is a Marine Corps station, and he informed me that they were sending a flight to Dallas, Texas.

And this date, according to my log book, when I was in California, was November 23, 1965.

And wny did you have occasion to speak to George Moffett, what was your relationship to him?

A Well, George Moffett was the senior navigator at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro. I happened to be in El Toro at the time when the President was assassinated, and the next day I left for Hawaii. And I had the conversation about the assassination and he said, he told me, that they were sending a team from Camp Pendleton and El Toro to Dallas.

Q Was he to be part of that team?

1	A. To the best of my knowledge, he wasoh, part of
2	the team itself, investigating team, no, ma'am.
3	Q What were his responsibilities with that investi-
4	gation?
5	A He, again, also was the navigator for the air-
6	craft.
7	Q Did you ever speak to George Moffett again about
8	that investigation?
9	A Not to the best of my knowledge, though it could
10	have been in general conversation.
11	Q From your later conversation with George Moffett,
12	do you know if the investigation in Dallas took place?
13	A. To the best of my knowledge, through hearsay,
14	through George, it definitely took place, yes.
15	Q Did you ever hear any report or see any report
16	about that investigation?
17	A No, ma'am.
18	Q Do you know what conclusions that investigation
19	reached?
20	A. No, ma'am.
21	Q You have explained that your normal assignment was
22	navigator for transport flights, is that correct?
23	A. Yes, ma'am.
24	Q From which office did you usually receive orders?
25	A. Usually we got our orders from Marine Corps,

. 1	A. Yes, ma'am.
2	Q And what is the number of that passport book?
3	A. Z 091237.
4	Q And what is the date of issue of that passport?
5	A. 3 April 1962.
6	Q Is all of the information in that passport about
7	you correct?
8	A. No.
9	Q What information is not correct?
10	A It says wife and minors, none; and I had three
11	children and a wife at that time.
12	Q So the information was purposely
13	A. (Interrupting) Deleted.
14	Q And you were instructed to carry this with you on
15	all flights?
16	A On all of our flights in the Far East, yes. If
17	we ever got shot down, we were supposed to tear this off and
18	burn it, the front cover.
19	Q You have stated that you flew near Atsuki Air Base
20	What was your understanding of the nature of the work at
21	Atsuki?
22	A. I was stationed at Iwakuni, Japan, in 1958 and '59
23	and '60, and we had to fly every daynot myself personally
24	but our squadron had to fly every day to Atsuki, Japan, to
25	get our mail.

1	Q.	And what was the nature of Iwakuni Base, was that
2	a classif	ied base?
3	A.	It was partially classified, yes. It was a secret
4	base.	
5	Q.	Did most people on the base need a secret clear-
6	ance?	
7	A.	Yes.
8	Q.	Were there any normal, nonclassified units at
9	Iwakuni?	
10	A.	Yes, there was three fighter squadrons of Marines,
11	yes, that	was not classified at that time.
12	Q.	To your knowledge, were they the only nonclassi-
13	fied unit	s at Iwakuni?
14	A	Well, other than your Headquarters and Command,
15	yes.	•
16	Q.	Was there a hospital at Iwakuni?
17	A.	Yes.
18	Q	Did that hospital service military personnel who
19	did not h	ave secret classifications?
20	A.	Yes.
21	Q	Were they flown in from other areas?
22	A.	No, not to the best of my knowledge.
23		Are you speaking of wounded men?
24	Q	Or men with any type of illness requiring hospital
25	ization.	·

tained at Camp Smith for your flights?

A The original for my particular flights were kept at Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe; not Camp Smith.

Q And how were those logs listed, were they listed by pilot names, by flight numbers or how?

A It had the serial number of the aircraft, the duration of the flight, the CO from point of departure to the first point of landing, time en route, day flight, night flight, and the names, serial numbers of all crew members aboard that flight.

Q To the best of your knowledge, were those master logs ever destroyed periodically?

A No, they are not. They are kept on file with CNO, chief of naval operations.

Q Mr. Huff, how long were you stationed in Kaneohe, until what year?

A Until Viet Nam broke out, and I will have to look at my log book.

We were the first outfit in Viet Nam after the police action or whatever you want to call it started in force.

As the first Marine Brigade was stationed in Kaneohe, also, when we first go in at Da Nang, Viet Nam, and that would have been March 1965, that I went to Viet Nam.

Q And how long were you in Viet Nam?

A I was in there a short period of time. My step father died and I was transferred back to Spokane here until determination of his death, and then I was transferred to Marine Corps Air Station El Toro.

- Q Excuse me, when was your step father's death, roughly, if you know the date or year?
 - A In the fall of 1965 or spring of 1966.
 - Q And what was your next assignment after that?
 - A Marine Air Station, El Toro, California.
 - Q And how long were you there?

A Until the rest of my time in the Marine Corps. I, of course, flew in and out of the Far East, Da Nang, Viet Nam; I spent there one month, I got 31 months combat pay in Viet Nam.

- Q And when did you retire from the military?
- A 1 July 1970.
- Q And that was an honorable discharge?
- A Yes.

That is hanging up on the wall at home. I didn't bring it. You don't need a copy of that, do you?

Q No, that's fine.

Are there any other questions or areas that you feel we should have covered about the investigation that you have participated in?

A. I feel in my own mind this report and/or the re-

port from the Dallas investigating team would show that Lee Harvey Oswald was not acting alone, by himself. It was a very good, well detailed investigation by the Marine Corps CID.

- Q Are there any other areas you wish us to cover this morning or anything else you want to add?
 - A No, ma'am, not to the best of my knowledge.

 MS. BRADY: This will conclude the deposition.

(Thereupon the parties and the witness waived the examination of the deposition by the witness, the reading of the deposition by or to the witness, and also waived the signing thereof by the witness.)

United States of America,)

(State of Washington,) ss.

(City of Spokane.)

I, Marshall N. Neill, do certify that, pursuant to notice, there came before me, in the Federal District Court, 920 West Riverside, in Spokane, State of Washington Court, State of Washi

to notice, there came before me, in the Federal District Court, 920 West Riverside, in Spokane, State of Washington, Larry Cecil Huff, who was by me duly sworn to testify the whole truth of his knowledge touching the matter herein; that he was examined and his examination at the time reduced to Stenomask recording by Karl Fuss and that such examination has been correctly transcribed and is fully and accurately set forth in the 24 preceding pages; that the deposition is a true record of the testimony given by the witness, that signature of the witness to his foregoing deposition was waived before me by the respective parties; that said deposition was taken on the day, between the hours and at the place in that behalf aforesaid, and that said deposition is now herewith returned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand at my office Spokane, Washington, this _____ day of ______ 1978.

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I, Karl Fuss, do certify that I accurately and correctly reported in Stenomask the complete proceedings had in the taking of the deposition of Larry Cecil Huff and have accurately and correctly transcribed the same in the preceding 24 pages.

Karl Fuss, Court Reporter

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I, Larry Cecil Huff, have received a copy of the transcript of my deposition before the Select Committee on Assassinations of the U.S. House of Representatives which was taken in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington at Spokane, Washington on May 9, 1978. I have read the transcript and it contains a true and accurate statement of my testimony in the deposition. I have no additions or corrections to make to the transcript.

Signed:

Date:

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